

TITANS WRAP UP COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last Sunday's closing ceremony of the 2010 Shropshire County Swimming Championships, held at Market Drayton, drew to a conclusion two weekends of intense competition. For one particular group of swimmers it represented another giant leap towards the realisation of their dream.

Less than two years since setting up the Ellesmere College Titans Swimming Club they have taken the 2010 Shropshire County Championships by storm, being awarded 2 overall best boy and girl trophies; smashing ten all time County records; and winning 21 individual gold, 31 silver and 26 bronze medals.

Swimming against the very best swimmers from all over the County, Titan swimmers recorded a total of 148 Personal Best times and broke 31 Titan Club Records. Despite only having a small squad of swimmers and it only being their second County Championships, the Titans finished well above most other local well established clubs including Wellington, Market Drayton, Whitchurch, Newport and Court in the overall individual medal tally and have well and truly signalled their intent for next year's Championships.

Titans Head Coach Jon Pardoe commented "what has been achieved by these young swimmers is a truly inspirational tale of ambition, hard work and determination. A triumphant story about team spirit and courage in the face of overwhelming odds."

To celebrate their remarkable success, Titan swimmers were whisked away at the end of the final day of competition on Sunday 14th March in four chauffeur driven luxury stretch limousines to a celebration dinner at Chester Racecourse's glamorous restaurant 1539, where they were welcomed by Chester Racecourse Chief Executive Richard Thomas and given the full red carpet treatment.

Richard Thomas said "At 1539 we welcome many great sporting heroes. The achievements of these Titan swimmers are truly inspirational."

One of the Titan swimmers, Shannon Davies, aged 9, a bronze medallist in the 200m breaststroke said "that she had found the Limo trip truly amazing and that she was motivated more than ever".

Further details about joining the Ellesmere College Titans can be found on their website www.ellesmerecollegetitans.co.uk or by telephoning Jon Pardoe on 07903 641668.

Photo 1) 011 = Titan Team Poolside at 2010 Shropshire County Swimming Championships, Market Drayton : From Left to Right Kate Haworth (age 8), Rosie Holland (age 8), Sunetra Chatterjee (age 10), Ellie Hutchings (age 9), Elinor Haworth (age 10), Eleanor Shields (age 11), Lauren Bond (age 12), Hector Pardoe (age 8), Michael Doyle (age 10), Elliot Hughes (age 13), Jack Bacon (age 11), David Main (age 17), Naomi Craig (age 12), Leon Parkes (age 13), Jamie Thomas (age 12), Natalie Greene (age 11), James Wilson (age 12), Romana Parkes (age 11), Jessica Thomas (age 9), Alfie Pardoe (age 12), Ryen Spencer-Wolfe (age 13), Kieron Morris (age 9), Jimmy Kershaw (age 13), Sam Holland (age 13), Thomas Holland (age 12), Luc Jarzynski (age 11), Tom Lloyd (age 12)

Photo 2) 015 = Arriving in Limo at Chester Racecourse: From Left to Right Ellie Hutchings (age 9), Elinor Haworth (age 10), Eleanor Shields (age 11), Shannon Davies (age 9), Rosie Holland (age 8), Sunetra Chatterjee (age 10), Kate Haworth (age 8).

Notes to Editor

The Ellesmere College Titans Swimming Club was established in 2008, as a meeting of minds, between Ellesmere College – a school with a great sporting heritage and the parents of some of the top young swimmers in Shropshire, united in their desire to create an ambitious, positive and competitive swimming club.

The result: A centre of swimming excellence in the heart of the North Shropshire countryside.

To maintain this standard the Club adopts and implements a selective membership policy, to ensure that all swimmers share the same goal of achieving swimming success at the highest level. The emphasis is on quality not quantity of swimmers, with the Club limiting its total swimming membership to 40 - ranging from children as young as 8 upwards.

In such an environment a great deal of one to one coaching can be given to individual swimmers, and productive use can be made of underwater video analysis and specialist training equipment

Ellesmere College was founded in 1884 and is part of the Woodard Group – the largest grouping of public schools in the UK. Over the years it has been responsible for producing some of the British sporting greats including ex-England Rugby captain Bill Beaumont. It is hoped that it will produce the next generation of British swimming greats.

Issued on behalf of Ellesmere College Titans Swimming Club (The Titans). For further details please contact Jon Pardoe on 07903 641668 or email jonpardoe@hotmail.co.uk. Further details on scholarships and places at Ellesmere College can be obtained from the College Admissions Secretary on 01691 622321 or by email at admissions.secretary@ellesmere.com

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